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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD RAISE THE FOLLOWING
POINT WITH SADAT. AS HE KNOWS FROM HIS TALKS AT CAMP
DAVID, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN DISCUSSING IN-
FORMALLY WITH EGYPT, ISRAEL AND KING HUSSEIN THE NATURE OF
FUTURE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. IN
OUR VIEW, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME UNDERSTANDING
IN THIS RESPECT, AT LEAST IN THE FORM OF GUIDELINES FOR THE
FUTURE NEGOTIATION OF WEST BANK/GAZA ISSUES, IN ORDER TO
ENCOURAGE HUSSEIN TO JOIN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND
PERHAPS EVEN IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON PALESTINIAN
LANGUAGE IN THE DECLARATION. THE ONLY PROPOSAL PRESENTLY
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ON THE TABLE IN THIS RESPECT IS BEGIN'S "SELF-RULE" PLAN.
TO GIVE US A BASIS FOR ATHERTON TO BEGIN TO EXPLORE THIS
QUESTION, WE SUGGESTED TO THE EGYPTIANS WHEN THEY WERE
HERE THAT THEY CONSIDER PUTTING FORWARD EITHER PROPOSALS
FOR MODIFICATION OF THE BEGIN PLAN OR THEIR OWN COUNTER-
PROPOSALS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT
WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DO SO WHEN ATHERTON ARRIVES TO

BEGIN HIS TALKS IN CAIRO THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK.

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